

8. Develop and improve engineering methods and standards of practice for the identification, evaluation, and rehabilitation of existing earthquake-hazardous buildings.
9. Develop and test techniques for seismic rehabilitation of buildings, using new and emerging technologies and materials.

Improving Information Systems

1. Develop an information system on mechanisms and public policies at the local community level to identify, evaluate, and rehabilitate earthquake-hazardous buildings.
2. Exchange information on the use and performance of new technologies and new materials.

Theme IV: Earthquake Preparation Response, Recovery, and Mitigation

A discussion of (1) governmental policies and operations for providing immediate post-disaster assistance to the affected area; and (2) barriers to implementation of governmental actions to reduce future earthquake losses during the post-disaster period.

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Speakers

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- Dr. Joanne M. Nigg, Co-Director, Disaster Research Center, University of Delaware
- Mr. Takahiro Shibata, Director-General, Urban and Housing Department, Hyogo Prefecture

Policy Issues

1. Use of the information provided by the Field Assessment Teams to tailor the Federal response to the needs of the disaster victims and state and local governments/prefectures?